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On the road again...



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Chippewa County Messenger. A few notes from my desk here...and let me fore warn you: I am excited about the amazing opportunities available locally, state-wide, nationally, and even internationally this summer. Clubs are mov-

ing and shaking this spring, thawing from the snows and much like the tulips in our yards, continuing to grow into something quite beautiful.

Thank you to the clubs that have invited me for a visit. I continue to enjoy meeting the heart and soul of our clubs: the youth and amazing leaders we have here in Chippewa County.

This edition will bring you tales from Ketunen Poultry Workshops, U.P. Leadermete,

Achievement & Open House Day, along with the usual goodies of club photos, new leader updates, new club updates, and other interesting things 4-H members and clubs are doing throughout our county.

On the road again, literally, to your house to bring you all the exciting events and happenings of the Chippewa County 4-H program.

Cheers.
-Andrea

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Welcome New Leaders & Clubs:

A special welcome to new leaders and clubs to the Chippewa County 4-H program.

Joining the 4-H program since January this year are:



Sandy Michalski—Rosedale Rascals 4-H Club*

Lindsey Russell—All God's Creatures

Dennis Moore—Chippewa County 4-H Archery Club*

Nancy Larsen—Soo-perior 4-H Club

Nate Beelen—Paradise 4-H Club*

Ashley Bishop—Taylor Creek 4-H Club

Jade Seelye—4-H Volunteer

* denotes new 4-H club, too!



4-H Learning Science through the Arts Camp

4-H Learning Science through the Arts Camp is held every summer. The camp is designed for youth aged 9 to 14 years old with volunteer teen counselors, aged 15 to 19 years old. The camp program blends nature study and outdoor recreation with visual and performing arts.

This year's camp will be held at Kettunen Center Sunday, July 13 through Wednesday, July 16, 2008. The cost is \$135.

This year's theme is **"Jump Into Healthy Foods and**

Fitness! Creative Puppetry with a Message."

Join the Amazing Clark, a professional puppeteer and magician for "Mystery of the Missing Flower," a puppet show filled with comedy and plenty of audience participation. Learn about puppets from around the world.



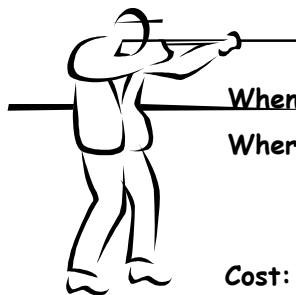
You'll design your own puppet and stage props, write a group puppet skit on healthy foods and fitness, create a performance and design your own cookbook to take home. You'll also make and eat healthy snacks and learn why it is good for you, connect movement and activity with different muscles in the body and you'll design and build a creative fitness course. Plus much, much more! For more information contact the MSUE office or look online at:

<http://www.kettunencenter.org/sciartcamp.html>

Shooting Sports Safety!!

(For Chippewa County Youth age 12-19)

Attention all youth (age 12-19) wishing to learn proper use and form of shotgun shooting & practice shooting (trap) on Thursdays this summer:



- When:** Thursday evenings @ 6:30pm—Starts June 5th and runs thru August
- Where:** CCSA Trap Range
South Ridge Rd, Sault Sainte Marie
(from 7 mile, turn North onto Ridge Road, range is the second drive on the left)
- Cost:**
- \$11 for initial registration & insurance coverage (\$1 if already 4-H member)
 - Weekly fee to cover ammunition & target
 - Guns will be available.

More Information? Call Andrea at the MSU Extension office: 635-6368

****Parents must accompany youth for at least the first two weeks of course.****

Host Families Sought for One-Month Exchange

Bring the world into your home this summer by hosting a Japanese student! These young people are excited to learn about your family's customs and culture, your values, foods, clothes, and lifestyle. But mostly they want to make friends, meet other young people, and try communicating in English!

The dates of the exchange are July 26 through August 22. The program is open to any family with a youth of the same age and gender as the Japanese youths. There will be 55 Japanese youths, boys

and girls, traveling to Michigan and they range in age from 12 to 15. They have been studying English and are eager to try using it, so there is no need to know Japanese.

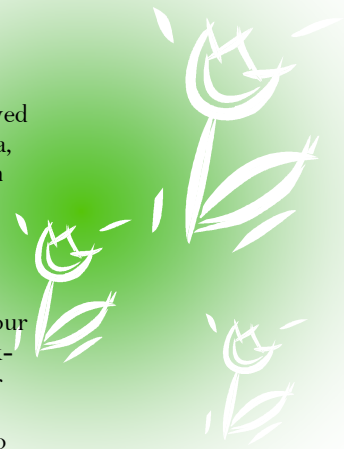
Families will attend an orientation in early summer if selected as a host family for this year. Opportunities also exist for youths to travel to Japan and spend a month with their new friend the following year.

The 4-H/Japanese Exchange program is one of the largest exchange programs involving North American and Japanese youth in the world. Since 1972

over 25,000 students have stayed with families in North America, and more than 4,000 American students have made reciprocal visits to Japan. This summer, take the opportunity to open your hearts and homes to an exchange student and allow your entire family to enjoy a new experience they are sure to never forget!

For more information or to obtain a host family application, contact the Chippewa County MSU Extension office or Vera Wiltse at 989-772-0911 extension 302 or

wiltsev@msu.edu



H.O.P.E. Therapeutic Riding Program 2008 Day Camp

H.O.P.E.—what does it stand for? Helping Other People Excel. It is a Therapeutic Riding Program geared toward special needs youth ages 5 to 19. The camp includes horseback riding, horse care, stable management, nutrition and craft activities.

BUT to make this all happen, we NEED your HELP. Please consider volunteering for the 2008 H.O.P.E.



Camp. Be part of the planning committee, helping to design, plan and promote H.O.P.E. Next meeting is June 9 at 6:00 pm at the MSUE office.

The week of camp, volunteers are needed in many areas, and more than 30 volunteers are needed to make this camp happen! Be a side walker, a horse leader, assist

with crafts, help with snacks, organize tack, or help in the barns. Wherever your interest lies, there is a place for you! Camp is July 27th to August 2. Time commitment for those days would be from 8:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. each day. Other ways to support H.O.P.E. are to participate in the Rough Riders 4-H Club Fun Show/Gymkhana on July 12th, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Chippewa County Fairgrounds Horse Arena. Or the Superior Trail Riders Association Benefit Ride on July 19th at East Soldier's Lake starting at 10:00 a.m. Call Lisa Myers at the MSUE office for more information.

report from U.P. Leadermete....

The annual U.P. Leadermete was held April 4 & 5 in Iron Mountain, MI.

Leadermete is an annual event designed to offer a selection of informative, hands-on workshops to both teen and adult 4-H leaders to enhance their knowledge and skills as a leader or member.

It is also a great chance to meet leaders and members from throughout the U.P. and tap into their knowledge base, and hear what is going on in their county's 4-H program.

Though the drive was long this year, leaders from our county picked up bits of knowledge from areas ranging in beef science to financial accountability for clubs.

Good news for us here in Chippewa County; the 2009 U.P. Leadermete will be held in the Eastern U.P.



Representing Chippewa County: Sandy Michalski, Dorianne Schaffer, Ashley Bishop, Chelsea Kronnemeyer, & Andrea Caron

Upcoming (Really Cool) Fitting & Showing Clinics:

Sheep Fitting and Showing Clinic

Thursday, June 12th

@ Toni Kronemeyer's Barn
6867 E. Taylor Road, Pickford
From 6:30–8:30 pm

This evening will cover sheep fitting and showing with Kaye Vining. You will have the opportunity to handle a lamb as the expert gives you tips. Expect a hands-on experience; you'll put clippers in your hands and try it yourself. From beginner to advanced there is something to learn.

There will not be a bathroom available. If possible, please leave younger children at home

Rabbit & Chicken Fitting and Showing Clinic

Monday, June 23rd

@ the Pickford Township Park
6–7 pm: Rabbits
7–8 pm: Chickens

Bring your rabbit and chicken and come on out to this fantastic event. You'll be taught one-on-one how to show your animals. Have all those troublesome questions answered by knowledgeable people.

Poultry presenters are Kathy Sherlund, and Pat, Jaici and Kaiden Schiemke. Rabbit presenters are Tiffany and Roxanne McCord.

Please bring your carpets. Call Carrie Cryderman @ 647-2222

Pig Fitting and Showing Clinic

Monday, July 21st

@ Gary and Joanne Galloway's Farm
5696 W. Townline Rd,
Pickford

From 6:30–8:30 pm

It doesn't matter if you've been showing pigs for years or just got started, you'll learn something at this event. You will learn how to handle, fit, show, and judge pigs. It will be presented in part by the Galloway family. For more information, call Joanne Galloway @ 647-2140

These are special events geared for youth showing these species at a 2008 fair. We ask that an adult attend and be available to learn along side each youth. Please wear appropriate footwear (no sandals).

Special **THANKS** to each of the above 4-H Leader's for offering their time & expertise to Chippewa County 4-H Youth!!

Club possibilities??

4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Leader Training

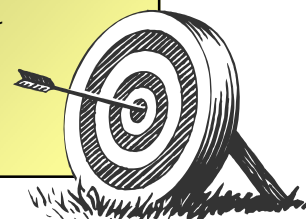
The 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge program uses the biggest classroom available—the outdoors—to help your members develop a variety of life skills. We are looking to start an 4-H Challenge club in Chippewa County. If you, or someone you know would like to be involved in the Challenge program, please call Andrea at the MSUE office.



4-H Archery Club Starting.

Works are underway for an Archery Club in Chippewa County. Dennis Moore, a 4-H leader & Archery expert will lead the club.

Call the MSUE office for more information on meeting time and place. All youth aged 9-19 are welcome!



Achievement Day/Open House

What a great day! For those of you unable to attend, the 4-H Achievement/Open House held April 19th was a great success, thanks to the excellent “educators” present. Educational booths included everything from woodburning, to face painting, dog sledding, ground water education, horse nutrition and management, “Farm-to-market” booths, Teen Club Exchange trips (past & present), Poultry Judging, a horse “quiz bowl”, an entomology display and great animal bones and muscles identification. As you can see by the pictures below, it really was a great time.

In addition, amaz-

ing projects were brought in by club members. A fantastic display of winter projects included sewn purses, plants grown for the garden, small animal displays (some including the actual animals!!), lego’s, and art. Thank you to Emily Boone & Mary Jane Pennington for being our judges.

Special thanks to our planning committee: Norma Osborn, Karen Shunk, Joanne Galloway, Lisa Myers and Andrea Caron. If you’d like to help plan next year’s event, let Andrea know...we’d be glad to have you. Thank you again to everyone who helped make it a great success!



4-H club Members Attend Bi-state Poultry Clinic on MSU Campus

Written by Brandon Yanni, Soo-perior 4-H Club & Mitchell Michalski, Rosedale Rascals 4-H Club

Submitted by Brandon Yanni, Soo-perior 4-H Club:

On Saturday April 12, Brandon, Caleb, and Rachel Yanni of Soo-perior 4-H club attended a poultry clinic on the MSU campus, hosted jointly by Michigan State University and the Ohio State University. The day was comprised of five sessions which were: *Just a Feather*, *Avian Anatomy*, *Incubation and Embryology*, *Talking Exhibition*, *Eggs - Hen House to the Kitchen*, and *Market Birds*. The clinic was funded by the participation fee, half of which goes to the state, half of which stays in the county. The sessions were instructed by Michigan State professors, Ohio State professors, and poultry industry experts from Ohio.

Just a Feather was all about feathers. It covered the anatomy of a feather, the different purposes of feathers, and how feather type changes as a bird matures. The session also discussed where different kinds of feathers are placed on a bird, and how feathers follow tracts on the bird. In *Avian Anatomy*, each individual had the opportunity to dissect a chicken (if they wanted to), learning along the way what each part was, what sex each bird was, and a little about the function of each part. *Incubation and Embryology* was the last session, discussing incubation, and how the embryo developed inside the egg. First there was a quick slideshow covering what needed to be done for a successful incubation, and showing what a commercial hatchery was like. Following that, a digital camera was hooked up to a projector, and underneath the camera, starting at day one; eggs at the different stages of incubation were cracked onto a paper plate. The person instructing this session was from a hatchery located in Ohio, and did a very nice job explaining the different stages of incubation.

During lunch (which was provided by the clinic), George House, who is president of the Michigan Allied Poultry Industry, gave information about the poultry industry of both Michigan and Ohio, and afterward answered questions.

Talking Exhibition covered the basics of showing. The instructor explained what a good bird will look like, and what birds will need to be culled. He said how the description of a breed in the Standard of Perfection is the description of the perfect bird, and small differences will not count against you, though what those differences are will depend on the judge. For people with laying hens, *Eggs-Hen House to the Kitchen* covered some very useful information. The instructor explained the best way to wash eggs, store eggs, and market eggs. Everyone also had the chance to candle chicken and turkey eggs, determining what grade the egg was. *Market Birds* was a very informative session about the best ways to raise quality market birds, selecting the best birds for show, and how to prevent blemishes on the meat. Everyone had the opportunity to feel the breast meat on a good bird, an acceptable bird, and a poor bird. Everyone then judged six birds, and then found three birds that would be best for the fair.

The clinic had lots of helpful information, and was well worth the trip to attend. The instructors knew what they were doing, and were glad to answer any questions. It was a good opportunity to meet other fanciers and marketers from both Michigan and Ohio, and was very enjoyable. Plus, the MSU Dairy Store was open!

Submitted by Mitchell Michalski, Rosedale Rascals 4-H Club:

My grandma, Marj Mitchell, and me, Mitchell Michalski, went to the 4-H youth Bi-State Poultry Clini hosted by Michigan State and Ohio State in Lansing at MSU. We went to Incubation and Hatchery Management, Feathers, Parts of the Bird, Breed Observation, proper collection, washing and storing egg techniques, poultry selection, and poultry management. Dr. Karcher had put eggs in an incubator every day for 21 days. He cracked the eggs open to show how a chick develops. This, along with lunch, were my favorite parts of the day. I did also learn a lot at the poultry selection, where I learned how to pick birds for the fair. We had a great time and came home with a folder of information. If anyone would like a copy, call Andrea and we will get you one.

"He cracked the eggs
open to show how a
chick develops"

- Mitchell Michalski

Events & Reminders:

4-H Leaders Attend Poultry Clinic at Kettunen Center

Written by Sandy Michalski,
Rosedale Rascals 4-H Club

Travis and Sandy Michalski, 4-H leaders with Rosedale Rascals 4-H Club, attended the Poultry Clinic at Kettunen Center. There was a lot of great information given out down there. We have the hand outs from the classes that we attended. If anyone would like a copy call Andrea, and we will get you one. We also learned that Michigan State University Extension is currently working on the chicken area, and updating information. However, if you are looking for information now, Ohio State University Extension has great information.

There is also a great book put out by the American Poultry Association called **Standard of Perfection**. They also have a web site:

http://www.apa-abyouthprograms.org/educational_material.htm

Also attending the workshop from Chippewa County 4-H were Pat, Kaden & Jaici Shiemke and Lewis Steiner.

Many workshops occur at Kettunen Center each year to bring 4-H leaders and members educational and resourceful materials. Most workshops start in the fall. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters or look online at:

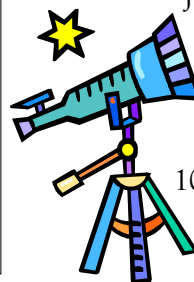
<http://www.kettunencenter.org/>

Leader Training & Banquet

Annual Leader Training & Awards Banquet will be held
Thursday,
October 23, 2008.
Please mark your
Calendars!

No News?

If 4-H family or friends are not receiving this newsletter, it is because we have not received their registration forms and fee to register them! Why is this important? It helps us all track our 4-H careers & projects. Please keep us up-to-date so we can keep our 4-H families up-to-date.




4-H Stargazing Opportunity:

Join 4-H leader, Karen Shunk, and her stargazing friends July 11-12th. Telescopes and a bonfire will be provided. A special invitation is extended to 4-H'ers from 10 p.m.—midnight both nights. At least one adult must accompany each youth. Call Karen for directions and more information: (906) 322-0827

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo

Saturday, July 12, 2008
Anthony Hall
Michigan State University



Events:

- Quiz Bowl
- Skillathon
- Rabbit Showmanship
- Cavy Showmanship
- Virtual Breed ID
- Quiz Contest
- Virtual Cavy Breed Judging
- Craft
- Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging
- Educational Poster

Divisions:
Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-19)
Individual and Team


All registration forms are due to your county MSU Extension office by June 6, 2008!

Cost: \$5 per individual & \$3 per event

All exhibitors must be ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2008.

For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call (517) 432-7604.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

 **4-H Youth Development**
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Club Fundraisers

Just a reminder: Any club is welcome to do fundraisers to financially support 4-H projects they are planning. Clubs wishing to do a fundraiser **MUST** submit a 4-H fundraiser application form and report. Both forms can be obtained from the MSUE office.

4-H Council Meeting:

June 2, 2008
6:30 pm @ the MSUE office

All 4-H leaders and members welcome!

Next meeting: August 4th, 2008

Exploration Days Participants:

Orientation Meeting 6/10/08

Kinross Township Hall, 6 p.m.



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Upcoming Events:



Congratulations Graduating 4-H Seniors:

Laura Ailing
Kyle Barry
Dana DePlonty
Phillip Edwards
Kourtlyn Esslin
Katie Greengtski
Derrick Leese
Sarah Mastaw
Nicholas McKnight
Naomi Nurmi
JennaFay Offenbecker
Jordan Potter
Samantha Raycroft
Alanna Wojnarowski

Event (local events in bold)	Date	Location
Chippewa County 4-H Council Meeting	June 2	MSUE Office
Exploration Days Orientation Meeting	June 10	Kinross Township
Sheep Fitting & Showing Clinic	June 12	Kronemeyer Farm
MI Jr. Beef Show	June 13-15	MSU
MI Jr. Sheep Spectacular/BB Club Lamb Show	June 13-15	MSU
EXPLORATION DAYS	June 17-20	MSU
MI Spartan Classic Jr. Swine Show	June 20-22	MSU
State 4-H Goat Show	June 21	MSU
Parelli Training	June 21-22	Stalwart
Rabbit & Chicken Fitting & Showing Clinic	June 23	Pickford Township Park
Michigan 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus	June 21-28	Washington D.C
4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo	July 12	MSU Pavilion
Pig Fitting & Showing Clinic	July 15	Galloway Farm
State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest	July 21	MSU Pavilion
H.O.P.E. Therapeutic Riding Program	July 27-Aug 2	Charlotte Ridge
Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp	July 27-Aug.2	Presque Isle
Chippewa County Fair	Aug. 24— Sept.1	Fairgrounds